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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2005, for which a response was due March 29, 2006. Enclosed herewith is a request for a three-month extension of time, along with the required fee, making the due date for response June 29, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

**Summary** begins on page 14 of this paper.